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Strangers are admitted to see the Asylum on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

They are requested not to make any remarks upon the personal appearance of the Pupils in their hearing, or to offer money to any Pupil or Servant of the Institution.

Boxes are provided for receiving any Contributions to be distributed as rewards to the Pupils; also a Book for entering any Donation or Annual Subscription which Visitors may be disposed to give to the Institution.

The PUPILS assemble in the MUSIC ROOM every MONDAY AFTERNOON, at Three o'Clock, except during the Summer and Christmas Vacations, for the performance of SACRED MUSIC, to which Visitors are admitted.

FORM OF LEGACY.

I bequeath to the Institution called "THE BRISTOL ASYLUM, OR SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND," *the sum of to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being of that Institution, for the general purposes thereof; which sum I direct to be paid preferably to any other legacies out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to charitable purposes.*

Gifts, by will, of land, or of any charges on land, or of money or stock to be laid out in the purchase of land, for charitable uses, are void by the Statute of Mortmain, but money or stock may be given by will, if not directed to be laid out in land.

Every person contributing £10 at one time, or annually subscribing £1 1s. (so long as such annual subscription continues), is a Member of the Institution.

Persons desirous of renting Pews or Sittings in the Chapel, may obtain every information at the Asylum.

Those who may be disposed to support this benevolent Institution are informed that Donations and Subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer ; by Stuckey's Banking Company ; by any Member of the Committee ; and at the Asylum, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol.

All Annual Subscriptions shall take date from the 1st January in each year, and shall be paid in advance.

The Public are respectfully informed that all descriptions of Basket Work of various sizes, Door Mats, Hearth and other Rugs of various colours and sizes, and Ornamental Knitting, are constantly kept on sale, at moderate prices, at the Asylum.

BRISTOL ASYLUM

OR

SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

INSTITUTED 1797—INCORPORATED 1832.

President.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD TEIGNMOUTH.

Vice-Presidents.

WILLIAM H. HARFORD, Esq.,

Col. SAVILE.

Treasurer.

J. CHETWOOD AIKEN, Esq.

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A. C. WANSBROUGH, Esq.

Auditors—JOSEPH ALMOND, Esq., and OWEN SMITH, Esq.

Chaplain—Rev. WILLIAM DRUITT.

Honorary Physician—J. E. SHAW, Esq., M.D.

Honorary Surgeon—A. W. PRICHARD, Esq.

Surgeon Dentists—Messrs. HAYMAN.

Lady Superintendent—Mrs. STANLEY.

Secretary—Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR.

Professor of Music—Mr. S. ROOTHAM.

Tuning Master—Mr. E. COCKRAM.

Governesses—Miss WILLIAMS and Miss BRASH.

Trade Master—Mr. KIRBY.

Superintendent of Saleroom—Miss BUTLER.

BRISTOL, May 4, 1885.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Bristol Asylum, or School of Industry for the Blind, holden this day at the Asylum, Queen's Road, Clifton,

The HIGH SHERIFF (Alderman Harvey) in the Chair,

The following Resolutions were passed :—

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be adopted, and that the same be printed and distributed under the direction of the Committee.

2. That the Right Hon. Lord Teignmouth be appointed President, William Henry Harford, Esq., and Col. Savile, be appointed Vice-Presidents, and that J. C. Aiken, Esq., be appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year, and that Joseph Almond, Esq., and Owen Smith, Esq., be appointed Auditors, and that the following Gentlemen form the Committee :—

J. Almond, Esq.
A. W. Cruickshank, Esq.
Steuart Fripp, Esq.
Major-General Gamble.
Alderman Harvey.
James Inskip, Esq.
William Jordan, Esq.
J. B. Moore, Esq.
Alderman Morgan.
Joseph H. Nash, Esq.
Major-General Palin.
Major-General Rotton.
Owen Smith, Esq.
Alderman Spark.
A. C. Wansbrough, Esq.

3. That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to J. E. Shaw, Esq., Honorary Physician, A. W. Prichard, Esq., Honorary Surgeon, and Messrs. Hayman, Surgeon-Dentists, for their valuable services during the past year.

Alderman HARVEY, Chairman.

The Chairman having quitted the Chair, it was taken by Alderman Spark, when it was resolved unanimously,

That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the High High Sheriff for his kindness in presiding on this occasion.

REPORT.

At the commencement of the year 1884 there were 47 pupils (32 males and 15 females) in this Institution. During the year there were seven new pupils admitted, and ten left. Of the latter, one, Alfred C. Raymond, in consideration of his good conduct and assiduity, received a gratuity of £5 5s. 0d., and has since made a satisfactory start in life as a tuner and teacher of the pianoforte. Two others likewise, in consequence of their good conduct, received on leaving a gratuity of £3 3s. 0d. each, and a set of tools valued at about £1 10s. 0d. They also, although only 17 years of age, have been able to get as much basket work as they could fairly accomplish. A fourth had made such remarkable progress in basket work, &c., during the short period of one year and nine months that he had been in the Institution, and had recovered his sight to such an extent, that it was thought advisable to retain him as an improver and teacher. Four others were sent away through ill-health; one of these died of consumption. The remaining two were removed by their friends.

It is with great regret that your Committee have to announce the loss by death of an old and valued servant of the Institution, James Murphy. He was admitted to the Asylum as a pupil in 1826, being then 14 years of age. After the full term of seven years he became first a journeyman and finally a teacher of

basket work, which post he filled till his death, in December, 1884, at the age of 72. During all those years he was a constant example to the journeymen and pupils of an industrious, sober, God-fearing man. For over 40 years he was a teacher in the Sunday Schools of St. Michael's parish, and his voice will be missed in the Chapel Services and Monday Afternoon Concerts, where he was an unfailing attendant during the whole time of his connection with the Asylum. He left by will to this Institution the sum of £50.

The question of the course of secular instruction to be imparted to the pupils becomes more important every year, owing to the very early age at which the greater number of them are now admitted. The pupil admitted about 9 years of age, when he is, and will be for some time, physically incapacitated to undertake heavy manual labour, must look forward to spending a large portion of the first few years of his term of residence in the schoolroom. Hence it arises that so many of the pupils who leave after seven years have not only had insufficient experience but have not even the strength to undertake the heavier work, for which the demand is greatest. The Committee have fully recognised these facts, and have endeavoured to meet the difficulty by extending the term of residence. As this extension necessarily incurs extra expenses, they earnestly trust the friends and subscribers to the Institution will aid them to the utmost in thus increasing its usefulness. The subjects taught in the schools are, as heretofore, reading and writing in Braille and Roman type, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, a knowledge of current events, music and pianoforte tuning, and handicraft arts and trades. The general course of reading to the pupils assembled in the Music-hall has included, among others, the following works: —"The Glen Luna Family," "The Life of President

Garfield," "Baxter's Call to the Unconverted," "The Voyage of the Constance," "Lives of Women of Christendom," "More Leaves from the Journal of a Life in the Highlands," by the Queen, "Forgotten by the World," "Willow Brook," "The Huguenot Family," "Pine Needles," "Golden Sheaves," and Craik's "English Literature."

The Chaplain conducts the Morning and Evening Services on Sundays in the Chapel, and a short Service in the Dining-hall on Wednesday evening. The Bible is read at morning and evening prayers by the Lady Superintendent. Bible lessons are given daily in the schools, and a lesson on the Liturgy once a week. On Sunday afternoons the pupils have again frequently been allowed to attend the Colston Hall Services, and the Sunday afternoon prayer meetings have been continued. The good effect of these, and the pleasure with which the pupils take part in them, have on several occasions been expressed in letters received from old pupils. Thus one writes:—"On Sundays I miss the little prayer meetings very much, for it was such great pleasure to me to gather together and give thanks and praise to our Blessed Lord and Saviour, who is always more ready to hear than we to pray." Of the poor boy who died of consumption soon after leaving the Asylum, the parish clergyman writes:—"The knowledge of Holy Scripture seemed to be a great source of happiness and comfort to him: the abiding sense of a personal Saviour filled his heart with joy. It was a pleasure to read and pray with him his features seemed to light up with such joy, and constantly he would ask the meaning of the passage, and quote various texts bearing on the subject." A third pupil writes from America:—"I often think of the happy little time I had with you. Those were roses by the way, I think, and will never fade from memory. It helps me along now, I believe."

The following works have been written in Braille type by the pupils :—

21 copies of the last 19 Songs without Words.
21 copies of the first 7 Beethoven's Sonatas (Hallé's Edition).
21 copies of various Hymns, Kyries, &c.

The Trade Account amounts this year to £1,117 17s. 6d., that being the sum received for baskets, mats, and other articles manufactured in the Asylum, an increase of £117 12s. 3d. on last year's receipts. The donations amount to only £11 7s. 5d., a decrease of £22 16s. 0d. on those of the previous year. The subscriptions amount to £221 8s. 0d. A legacy of £50, together with £3 10s. 0d. interest, has been received from the executors of the late Mrs. Riddle.

The Committee were glad to be able to oblige the Organising Committee of the Industrial and Fine Arts Exhibition, held in the Drill Hall, by allowing them to erect a temporary building on the garden grounds belonging to this Asylum, on payment of a sum agreed to. The numerous visitors to the Exhibition showed great interest in the exhibits of the blind pupils and journeymen, an interest subsequently testified to by the number of orders for work received from various parts of the West of England.

The thanks of the Committee are due and tendered to the following ladies and gentlemen :—C. D. Cave, Esq., of Sidbury Manor, Sidmouth, for ten pheasants ; Miss Waller, of Penn Park, and the parishioners, for the valuable gift of the harvest offerings of fruit and vegetables; Miss Ware, for a book in Braille type, executed by herself ; the Committee of the Bristol Musical Festival Society, for their great and continued

kindness in giving free admission to their various concerts; Mrs. Thistlewaite, for some music books; the Rev. — Stroude, for a packet of old music; Miss Farler and Mr. Tutton, for free admission of the pupils to their respective concerts; Mr. Risely, for free admission to his organ recitals; to the Committee of the Monday Popular Concerts, for free admission to their various concerts during the season; Mr. Gordon, for some free admissions to his concerts, the rest having been paid for by "A Friend;" "A Friend," for payment for admissions to Mr. Walter Macfarren's lecture in the Bristol Museum.

The Monday afternoon concerts have been fairly well attended.

The thanks of the Committee are given to the Honorary Physician, Surgeon, and Surgeon Dentists for their valuable services throughout the year.

MUSICAL PROFESSOR'S REPORT.

I have much pleasure in presenting my report for the past year. The work has been on the whole of a very satisfactory character. Some of the younger pupils are making rapid progress, both at the organ and pianoforte.

There are at the present time one girl and seven boys learning the organ, two girls and two boys learning singing, and two girls and ten boys studying the piano. Some of these have made considerable, and the majority of them are making very steady and satisfactory, progress.

A great deal of first-class music, for organ, pianoforte, and singing, has been written and satisfactorily learnt There are also classes for junior soprani, alti, tenori, and bassi.

The Monday afternoon concerts continue to give pleasure to appreciative audiences.

SAMUEL ROOTHAM.

THE BRISTOL ASYLUM OR SCI

DR. *J. C. Aiken, Esq., Treasurer, in Account with the*

	£	s.	d.	£	s
To Balance from December 31, 1883				665	5
Cash received as under :—					
For Baskets, Mats, Rugs, Knitting, and Chair Caning				1117	1
Subscriptions	221	8	0		
Donations	11	7	5		
				232	1
Dividends on the following Stock :—					
One Year on £14,406 6s. 10d. Consols, due 31st July, 1884...	432	3	10		
One Year on £874 16s. 1d. Reduced 3 per Cents., due October, 1884	26	4	10		
One Year on £16,180 Reduced 3 per Cents., due October, 1884	485	8	0		
One Year on £11,547 17s. 4d. New 3 per Cents., due October, 1884	346	8	8		
Half-Year on £492 12s. 2d. Reduced 3 per Cents., due October, 1884	7	7	9		
One Year on £496 8s. 6d. Consols, due July, 1884 (Mrs. Disney Robinson's Fund)	14	17	10		
				1312	1
Legacy :—					
Mrs. Riddle, Clifton	50	0	0		
Interest	3	10	0		
				53	1
Board of Pupils from Friends or Parishes				459	1
Cash from Sundry Persons for use of Music Hall ...				32	1
Cash for use of Pianofortes				0	5
Chapel Account—					
Cash for Seat Rents and Collections to Dec. 31, 1884				84	0
Cash received on Offertory Account				13	1
				£3971	13

Bristol, 28th April, 1885.

OOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

ow Asylum from 31st December, 1883, to 31st December, 1884.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid as under : —						
Wages to Out-door Pupils	411	5	0			
,, Instructors and Porters	366	4	0			
				777	9	0
Officers' Salaries				539	2	0
House Expenses				866	10	2
Cost of White and Brown Rods	321	7	5			
Cost of Coir, Worsted, and other Material for Rugs, Mats, &c.	73	14	0			
Trade Expenses	51	3	6			
School ,, ...	5	8	10			
Printing Reports, Advertising, Stationery, &c. ...	45	1	10			
Coal and Coke for Workshops and Chapel ...	31	13	6			
Rates and Taxes	27	8	4			
Fire Insurance	12	10	0			
Infirmary	2	2	0			
Gas	4	5	1			
Sundry Disbursements	18	11	4			
Audit Fee, 2 Years	10	10	0			
Down and Co. for New Fibre Mill and Mat-Shearing Machine	89	10	10			
				696	10	10
Repairs				148	0	2
Gratuities to Pupils on leaving the Asylum ...				15	10	0
Miss Wood's Annual Gift, given to the Pupils for Clothing				10	0	0
New Building Account				11	15	10
Cost of £492 12s. 2d. Reduced 3 per Cents. ..				500	0	0
Chapel Account —						
Stipend to Rev. A. Medland to 31st May, 1884 ...	45	16	8			
Seat Rents and Collections	57	5	7			
	103	2	3			
Repairs and Heating Apparatus	80	4	6			
Organist's Salary, Cleaning, Gas, & other Expenses	39	3	0			
Tuning Organ	4	10	0			
Winding Clock	8	10	0			
Stipend to Rev. — Druitt from 31st May, 1884, to 31st December, 1884	84	0	0			
				319	9	9
Balance down				87	5	5
				£3971	13	2

Examined and found correct,

J. H. NASH, Auditor.

CURTIS, JENKINS, & CO., Accountants

THE BRISTOL ASYLUM OR SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

J. C. Aiken, Esq., Treasurer, in Account with the Rev. Edward Kempe's Trust Fund, from 31st December, 1883, to 31st December, 1884.

Dr. | Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 31st Dec., 1883	39	12	4
One Year's Dividend £1,221 19s. 5d. Consols, due July, 1884	37	5	2
	£76	17	6
Balance down	39	12	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid as under :—						
H. Haynes	2	10	0			
M. Hayes	2	10	0			
Sarah Knight	2	10	0			
Margaret Phillips ...	2	10	0			
Sarah Ann Chivers ...	4	10	0			
Martha Marchant ...	4	10	0			
Harriet Collins ...	4	10	0			
M. A. Bridges... ...	4	10	0			
M. Jenkins	4	10	0			
Louisa Purnell ...	4	10	0			
				37	0	0
Expenses				0	5	6
Balance				39	12	0
				£76	17	6

Examined and found correct,

J. H. NASH, Auditor.

Bristol, 28th April, 1885.

CURTIS, JENKINS, & CO., Accountants.

The number of Pupils in the Institution 31st December, 1883, was 49, namely, 32 Males and 15 Females. Two Blind Teachers, and Thirteen Out-door Workmen.

NAMES OF THE MALE PUPILS.

Date of Admission.		Present Age.	Parish.
*1828	Jonathan Jennings ...	68	Westerleigh.
*1850	Henry Phillips	49	Bristol.
*1864	John James	41	Clifton.
* ,,	John Richards	42	Bristol.
*1876	Charles Byles	34	Charlton Marshall.
*1881	Samuel Derry	22	Bristol.
* ,,	Joseph Winsor	33	Bristol.
* ,,	Richard Morris	28	Bristol.
* ,,	F. Robins	35	Bristol.
* ,,	William Reed	—	London.
* ,,	Henry Davis	37	Iron Acton.
* ,,	George Isaacs	28	Marsted.
* ,,	James Pember	50	Bristol.
* ,,	T. Parham	24	Bridgwater.
,,	James Nash	21	Aldermaston.

Those marked * are not resident in the House,

Date of Admission.		Present Age.	Parish.
1877	Albert Eyers ...	15	Hurston Priors.
1878	Charles Brackstono	22	Rodonham.
1879	David Bovan ..	15	Hereford.
,,	William Bryant ...	19	Bristol.
,,	David Davies ...	15	Neath.
,,	J. A. Perry ...	23	Bristol.
,,	Josoph Hatherhill	15	Bath.
,,	Charles Henry Tucker	19	Warminster.
,,	George Vincent ...	17	Batb.
,,	C. J. Bailey ...	18	Torquay.
1880	George Messer ...	18	Bath.
,,	Saml. Daro ...	15	Stockland.
,,	W. J. Thomas ...	12	Pontypool.
1881	Wm. Jones ...	16	Neath.
,,	James Jones ...	14	Bristol.
,,	John Pullen ...	15	Cromhall.
1882	Samuel Dean ...	18	Minchinhampton.
,,	Thomas Dorrick	21	Bristol.
1883	David Hughes ...	12	Cardigan.
,,	E. J. Ellis ...	9	Dorsot.
,,	H. W. Powis ...	12	West Dean.
,,	F. Darcb ...	17	Clevedon.
,,	Ernest Morgan ...	15	Frome.
,,	Joseph Robinson	15	London.
1884	Arthur Gabb ...	20	Dursley.
,,	Thomas Harris ...	17	Tarrant Monckton.
,,	H. Tovey ...	12	Bedminster.
,,	A. W. Lewis ...	12	Heroford.
,,	E. J. Bishop ...	18	Kidderminster.

NAMES OF THE FEMALE PUPILS.

Date of Admission.		Present Age.	Parish.
1878	Emily Child	18	West Dean.
,,	Mary Ann Clifford ...	22	Bath
,,	Jane Ann Long	17	Brynmawr.
1879	Elizabeth Tomlin ...	22	Pontypool.
,,	Elizabeth Wigmore ...	20	Sodbury.
1880	E. Norris	12	Keynsham.
,,	C. Ford	19	Monckton Combe.
1881	E. Potter	10	Bristol.
1882	Eliza Lovell	17	Bristol.
,,	E. J. Higginson ...	14	Tetbury.
,,	Alice Bridle	12	Bristol.
,,	Ann E. Jones	19	Chippenham.
1883	Susanna Whitlock ...	9	London.
1884	Elizabeth Ann Matthews...	12	Hereford.
,,	Mary Ann Evans ...	17	Pontypridd.

THIRTEEN PUPILS HAVE LEFT THE ASYLUM DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Charles Raymond, Noath	Admitted	1875,	left in	1884.
James Adams, Marksbury	,,	1877,	,,	1884.
A. W. Bishop, Badgeworth ...	,,	1877,	,,	1884.
John Farr, Ragland	,,	1880,	,,	1884.
William Moore, Bristol	,,	1881,	,,	1884.
James Nash, Aldermaston ...	,,	1883,	,,	1884.
Rees Hughes, Taiback	,,	1883,	,,	1884.
George Field, Maindee	,,	1883,	,,	1884.
Elizabeth Rowe, London ..	,,	1879,	,,	1884.
Caroline Hatch, London	,,	1883,	,,	1884.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

The manner of applying for Admission, and the engagements to be entered into by the Friends of the Pupils.

Any person desirous of applying for the Admission of a Pupil may have printed Papers of Questions and Engagements at the Asylum in the following form, to which answers in writing are required, attested as therein specified; and the Paper, when properly filled up, must be sent (post-paid) to the Secretary at the Asylum, near Park Street, Bristol, in order to its being laid before the Committee. It is required that the parish or friends of the Pupils shall contribute a weekly allowance towards his or her maintenance; and if the parish or friends be at a distance from Bristol, then some respectable housekeeper in Bristol must become responsible for the regular payment of the sum stipulated.

QUESTIONS.

I.

What is the name, age, parish, present residence, occupation, and maintenance of the applicant?

II.

Is the applicant married, and has any and what family?

III.

Has the applicant received parochial or other relief, or the family on the applicant's behalf, and to what amount?

IV.

Where do the parents or immediate friends of applicant reside, and what is the number of their children, their character, and circumstances?

V.

Does the applicant bear a good character for *morality*, *decency*, and *sobriety?*

VI.

How long has the applicant been a resident in the parish of ?

VII.

Has the applicant ever wandered about as a beggar, or played upon a musical instrument in the streets or alehouse?

VIII.

In what manner has the applicant been usually employed; has ever attempted to do any kind of work, or had any moral or religious instruction?

IX.

Is willing to conform to and obey the rules of the Institution?

X.

Will the parish to which the applicant belongs, or friends, engage to pay half-yearly in advance, the sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings, in Bristol, towards support for seven years, or until such time as the Committee shall consider sufficiently instructed in some trade, and further engage to receive back (if required), paying the expenses of removal of the said applicant whenever shall be discharged or dismissed from the Asylum, and also in case of death to defray the expenses of the funeral?

XI.

Is it probable that the parents or friends of the applicant, when shall have left the Asylum, can provide the necessary materials for future employment?

The *Answers* to the preceding *Questions must be certified* by the Minister, Churchwardens or Overseers, where the applicant resides.

Signature *Minister of*

Parish,

Churchwardens or Overseers.

Questions to be answered by a Physician or Surgeon.

XII.

Is the applicant totally blind, partially blind, or able to distinguish light from darkness?

XIII.

What is the nature and supposed cause of blindness?

XIV.

Is the applicant possessed of sufficient intellect and bodily strength to receive instruction?

XV.

Has the applicant had the measles, small pox, scarlet fever, or been vaccinated?

XVI.

Is the applicant free from epileptic or other fits, and from all disorders that may be prejudicial to those already in the Asylum?

Signature.
Qualification.
Residence.

FORM OF ENGAGEMENT,

To be properly filled up and signed after Election, but before Admission of the Applicant.

We, the undersigned, and of do hereby jointly and severally engage to pay half-yearly in advance, the sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings to the "President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Members of The Bristol Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind," from the day of the admission into the said Asylum of the above-named for the term of seven years, or until such further time as the Committee of the said Asylum shall consider sufficiently instructed in some art, trade or profession, and to supply with proper clothing; and also to take back whenever shall be discharged from the same, either on account of having been sufficiently instructed, or on account of misconduct, or any cause whatever; and in all cases to pay the expense of removal, and in case of death to defray the expenses of the funeral.

Dated this day of 18

Signed,

"Ordered that the friends or parents of candidates for admission be informed that in all cases it will be necessary that the candidates should attend at the Asylum before 12 o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of being examined by the Physician or Surgeon.

"Every Pupil admitted shall be considered probationary for a period of three months, in order to ascertain the capability of improvement, as well as the moral disposition, of the Pupil."

RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.

1.—That they are required to come decently clothed, and with change of clothes.

2.—That if any applicant, after admission, is found to be deficient in intellect, afflicted with fits, or with any other disorder prejudicial to the Pupils of the Asylum, such person will be *immediately* returned to his parish or friends.

3.—Persons applying for admission are desired to observe that the object of the Institution is not to provide for the permanent support of those taken under its protection, but to teach them the means of gaining a livelihood for themselves.

4.—Candidates for admission must in all cases be recommended by a Life Member or Annual Subscriber of twelve months' standing.

5.—That previous to the admission of any candidate the friends or parishes shall pay the first half-year's board money in *advance*, and engage some respectable inhabitant in Bristol to become responsible to the Committee for such half-yearly payment, *always in advance*, and on failure thereof such blind persons will be sent home to their friends or parishes.

6.—Should a Pupil be dismissed for misconduct or leave the Institution from caprice or otherwise, without the approval of the Committee, before the expiration of the six months, no portion of the money so advanced shall be returned.

7.—*That each Person recommended by a Life Member or Subscriber of twelve months' standing, living in the parish, or one adjoining that of the person recommended (provided the other requisites are satisfactory) be received in preference to any other candidate.*

8.—No Male applicant, who is under Nine or above Twenty-one years of age, and no Female under Nine or above Twenty-five, can be placed on the list of candidates.

9.—The Pupils are usually allowed One Month's holiday in the Summer, and Two Weeks' holiday at Christmas, but such holidays, together with the times of their commencement and termination, are entirely at the option of the Committee.

N.B.—None can be received into the Asylum as Pupils until they can dress and undress themselves without assistance.

LEGACIES 1884.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mrs. William Riddle	50	0	0			
Interest	3	10	0			
				53	10	0

DONATIONS, 1884.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. ——	0	2	6
Mrs. Lock	1	0	0

LIFE MEMBERS,

Having contributed at one time Ten Pounds and upwards.

		£	s.	d.
1820	Mrs. Elizabeth Grafton	20	0	0
	Walter Cave, Esq., London, per Daniel Cave, Esq.	10	0	0
1835	Rev. James Babb, A.M.	10	10	0
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